

DREAMER

He drinks vodka
half the night
hoping (fruitlessly)
to unravel a few
personal mysteries,
then sleeps half
the next day,
his dreams
broken & chaotic,
yet engaging,
especially the
erotic ones, &
he doesn't want
to wake up.

TRYING TO STOP

He's been swearing
for 40 years
& now he's
trying to stop.
Swearing used to
give him momentary
satisfaction.
Now he thinks of
it as negative.
A form of pollution.
But the habit
is ingrained deep,
like a scar.
So he catches
himself saying
Goddamn, followed
by dang, dang!